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Letter dated 18 November 2016 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith information bulletins from the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic for 15-17 November 2016 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would arrange for these bulletins to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Information bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (15 November 2016)

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, reconciliation agreements have been signed with representatives of five populated areas in Hama (3) and Ladhiqiyah (2) governorates.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 940.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime continued with field commanders of illegal armed groups in Mu'addamiyat al-Sham in Damascus governorate and armed opposition units in Homs, Hama, Aleppo and Qunaytirah governorates.

The number of armed groups which have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 69.

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Over the past 24 hours, there were 45 reports of shelling by illegal armed groups in Aleppo governorate (19), Damascus governorate (20), Ladhiqiyah governorate (2), Hama governorate (3) and Dar'a governorate (1).

Armed groups that had announced a cessation of hostilities used improvised multiple-launch rocket systems, mortars and small arms to fire on the Antari neighbourhood of Aleppo city; Baliyah, Mazra'at Mahmud, Jawbar, Bludan, Qassa', Kafr Batna, elevation point 612, the area near the Abbasiyin stadium (twice) and the highway near Duma in Damascus governorate; and Rasha in Ladhiqiyah governorate.

A strike was carried out on Ayn al-Qantarah in Ladhiqiyah governorate using an unmanned aerial vehicle with an explosive device on board.

In Aleppo governorate, armed units of terrorist groups using improvised multiple-launch rocket systems, tube artillery, mortars and small arms fired on Bakrtayah and Shurfah, and also on the Ramusah, 1070 (three times), Minyan, Dahiyat al-Assad and 3000 neighbourhoods, the Castello trade centre (twice), the Assad Military Academy (twice) and areas near the paperboard factory, the Syriatel cellular station, the former military school and the Hikmah School in Aleppo city.

In Damascus governorate, terrorists shelled Irbin (three times) and also Qabun, the Wafidin camp, the Ibn al-Walid Hospital, Tall Kawkab mountain, a sports grounds and a power plant in Jawbar, and Mazzah Airport.

Terrorists fired on Uthman in Dar'a governorate, and on Muhradah and Hama Airport (twice) in Hama governorate.

The Russian and Syrian air forces did not carry out any strikes against opposition armed groups which had announced that they would cease hostilities and had informed the Russian or American reconciliation centres of their location.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours six humanitarian operations were carried out, during which the following humanitarian cargoes were delivered to civilians:

Approximately 700 kg to the Sulaymaniah district in Aleppo city;

900 kg to Tishrin district in Aleppo city;

Approximately 3 tons to Shaykh Sa'd in Tartus governorate;

650 kg to Ladhiqiyah (for the families of fallen and wounded soldiers from the Desert Falcons Brigade);

Approximately 2 tons to Jawba in Qunaytirah governorate;

500 kg to Kafr Aqid district hospital in Hama governorate.

Centres providing hot meals and supplying urgent necessities are continuing to operate for civilians who leave districts of Aleppo city that are under the control of illegal armed groups.

Information bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (16 November 2016)

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, reconciliation agreements have been signed with representatives of five populated areas in Hama (3) and Ladhiqiyah (2) governorates.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 945.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime continued with field commanders of illegal armed groups in Mu'addamiyat al-Sham in Damascus governorate and armed opposition units in Homs, Aleppo and Qunaytirah governorates.

The number of armed groups which have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 69.

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Over the past 24 hours, there were 42 reports of shelling by illegal armed groups in Damascus governorate (20), Aleppo governorate (17), Ladhiqiyah governorate (2), Hama governorate (1), Dar'a governorate (1) and Qunaytirah governorate (1).

Armed groups using mortars and small arms fired on Bludan and Kafr Batna and also on the area near the Abbasiyin stadium in Jawbar (twice), the highway near Duma and positions of government troops at elevation point 612 in Damascus governorate; on Azizi in Aleppo governorate and the Mashariqyah neighbourhood in Aleppo city; and on Ikku and Ayn al-Qantarah in Ladhiqiyah governorate.

In Damascus governorate, terrorist groups using multiple launch-rocket systems, tube artillery, anti-tank grenade launchers, mortars and small arms fired on Irbin (three times) and also on Hawsh Nasri, Hawsh Kharabu, Bala al-Jadidah, Bala al-Qadima, the Wafidin camp near Duma, a power plant and sports ground in Jawbar and government positions on Tall Kawkab mountain.

In Aleppo governorate, terrorists shelled the neighbourhoods of 1070 (three times), Minyan (twice), 3000 and Dahiyat al-Assad (twice); the Assad Military Academy, the Castello trade centre (twice), the Hikmah School and areas near the paperboard factory and the Syriatel cellular station in Aleppo city; and government troop positions near the Aleppo citadel.

Armed units of terrorist groups also shelled Suran (Hama governorate), Uthman (Dar'a governorate) and Jawbar (Qunaytirah governorate).

The Russian and Syrian air forces did not carry out any strikes against opposition armed groups which had announced that they would cease hostilities and had informed the Russian or American reconciliation centres of their location.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours three humanitarian operations were carried out, during which the following humanitarian cargoes were delivered to civilians:

Approximately 1 ton to a refugee camp near Jamiliyah in Aleppo city;

Approximately 3 tons to the Shahba' district in Aleppo city (for the Russian community);

Approximately 150 kg to Masyaf in Hama governorate.

Centres providing hot meals and supplying urgent necessities are continuing to operate for civilians who leave districts of Aleppo city that are under the control of illegal armed groups.

Additional information

Officers of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation organized the transfer of six Syrian children and their parents (11 persons in total) from the Humaymim airfield, for subsequent treatment at the Kirov Military Medical Academy in Saint Petersburg.

Over the past 24 hours, 17 civilians (including eight children) and 1 fighter have left besieged areas of Aleppo city.

Information bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (17 November 2016)

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, reconciliation agreements have been signed with representatives of two populated areas in Qunaytirah governorate.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 947.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime continued with field commanders of illegal armed groups in Damascus, Homs, Hama, Aleppo and Qunaytirah governorates.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 69.

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Over the past 24 hours, there were 32 reports of shelling by illegal armed groups in Aleppo governorate (17), Damascus governorate (8), Ladhiqiyah governorate (3), Hama governorate (2), Dar'a governorate (1) and Qunaytirah governorate (1).

In Damascus governorate, armed units affiliated with the Army of Islam opposition group used mortars and small arms to fire on Jawbar, Kafr Batna and Bludan.

Armed units of the Ahrar al-Sham group used multiple launch-rocket systems and mortars to shell the Salihin, Sheikh Shaykh Khidr and Salah al-Din neighbourhoods in Aleppo city, and also Ayn al-Qantarah, Karmil and Rasha in Ladhiqiyah governorate.

In Damascus governorate, terrorist groups using multiple launch-rocket systems, mortars and small arms fired on Irbin, Baytima, Jawbar (twice) and Hawsh Nasri.

In Aleppo governorate, terrorists fired on the Jam'iyat al-Zahra', Hamdaniyah-4, Hamidiyah, Dahiyat al-Assad (twice), Minyan, Sheikh Said (twice), Karm al-Jazmati and Hay es Sheikh Maksud neighbourhoods, the area near the gasworks, the Assad Military Academy, the former military school and the area near the paperboard factory in Aleppo city.

Armed units of terrorist groups also shelled Muhradah and Mu'ardis (Hama governorate), Uthman (Dar'a governorate) and Jawbar (Qunaytirah governorate).

The Russian and Syrian air forces did not carry out any strikes against opposition armed groups which had announced that they would cease hostilities and had informed the Russian or American reconciliation centres of their location.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours three humanitarian operations were carried out, during which the following humanitarian cargoes were delivered to civilians:

Approximately 500 kg to a refugee camp near Jamiliyah in Aleppo city;

Approximately 1 ton to Zigrin in Ladhiqiyah governorate;

Approximately 1 ton to Balluran in Ladhiqiyah governorate.

Centres providing hot meals and supplying urgent necessities are continuing to operate for civilians who leave districts of Aleppo city that are under the control of illegal armed groups.

Additional information

Over the past 24 hours, 3 representatives of armed groups have left besieged areas of Aleppo city.